Gift Allowance in AAI

165. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airports Authority of India officials are being provided "Gift Allowance" by government;

(b) if so, the details of the allowance;

(c) whether any scam has been detected in the utilisation of the said allowance;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action proposed by Government against the erring persons?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) The Airports Authority of India reimburses nominal amounts against vouchers to the senior executives for distribution of token gifts to the persons with whom they have official dealing as a goodwill gesture to promote greater interaction, on special occasions as per the following scale:

Members:	Rs. 14,000/-
Executive Directors:	Rs. 12,000/-
General Managers:	Rs. 9,500/-

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Agreement on Airport Security

166. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has tightened security arrangements at the National and International airports in order to make air travel safer in the country;

(b) whether Government have signed any agreement in this regard with any other countries like Nepal; and

(c) the name of the airports in the country where the deployment of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) in place of State Police for security duties has been made operational including deputing of sky marshals in IA/AI and other Private airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

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(b) Indian Airlines have reached an understanding with the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal regarding measures for ensuring security of Indian Airlines flights taking off from Kathmandu.

(c) Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) have been deployed for aviation security duties at the following 19 airports:

Jaipur, Patna, Port Blair, Vadodara, Guwahati, Agartala, Ranchi, Rajkot, Bhopal, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Cochin, Lucknow, Bagdogra, Bangalore, Vishakhapatnam, Chandigarh, Mangalore and Udaipur.

Sky Marshals are deployed on Indian Airlines flights on selected routes at random basis.

Global Advisors for Disinvestment of IA and AI

167. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ministry has finalized the Global Advisors to start the process of Disinvestment in the Air India and Indian Airlines; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the terms and conditions from the Ministry to the Global Advisors and vice-versa in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) The process for appointment of Advisors for disinvestment of Air India and Indian Airlines is nearing completion.

Security at Kathmandu Airport

168. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have resumed its IC-814 flight to Kathmandu;

(b) if so, whether any agreement has been arrived at between the two countries to ensure the security and safety of the flight taking off from Kathmandu; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if the answer to (b) above be in the negative, the steps taken by Government to ensure that there is no recurrence to recent incident of hijacking of Indian Airlines flight IC-814 from Kathmandu?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.